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L Can voters afford 9.8 mill tax hike?

BY JOSH LEVY
Front Page Editor

The school board has decided to place a 9.8 mill school levy on the ballot May 2.

If the levy is passed, collection will begin in January of 1990. The levy will cost people, who own a home assessed at \$100,000, an increase of \$300.13 in their property taxes.

According to Shaker Treasurer Dan Wilson's "Fiscal Projections, 1989-1990 through 1991-1992," the levy will generate \$2,493,332 after the 1989-1990 school year and \$4,986,664 after the following school years. If the levy is not passed, Shaker will have a \$1,968,847 debt which will

be contract and/or increased as a result of inflation," the review report concluded. "Additional operating revenue is needed now to avoid a reduction in school district services."

"It is not like [the committee] figured that their kids are having a good year in school and I am a nice administrator, so here is the report," Wilson said. "I felt they were very objective and very probing."

"The levy is set to keep up with inflation," Wilson added. "A levy offsets inflation and that is what it is intended to do."

Wilson emphasized that the levy is not proposed so that the school can build new facilities or create new programs. He said that the money accumulated from the levy would go toward what the school system is doing now.

Board member Caroline Milter said that the board is putting the issue on the ballot because the schools absolutely need the levy, and the board believes the levy will pass.

A recent survey taken in January by the Decision Research Corporation of 400 Shaker residents showed that 53 percent would support a school levy; 38 percent were opposed and nine percent were undecided.

Superintendent Mark Freeman believes that this support for the levy comes from three main reasons.

"First, Shaker schools are excellent and should be supported," Freeman said. "Second, we must have education in order to compete in global markets and have a functioning democracy. Third, housing values are directly proportional to the quality of the schools."

Based on the auditor's statistical data, property value has increased 26.25 percent from 1983 to 1989.

"You would have to be crazy not to vote for a school issue," Freeman said.

Principal Jack Rumbaugh said that he absolutely feels the levy will pass.

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grow throughout the following school years.

A Citizens' Finance Review Committee Report confirmed the validity of Wilson's financial report. According to Wilson, the committee consisted of six people with respectable backgrounds in finance and business.

"Without a new operating levy in 1989, school district revenues will not be sufficient to pay known costs, a major portion of which are either mandated by state or federal law, negoti-

"People in Shaker understand the connection between the values of homes and superior schools," Rumbaugh said.

Levy campaign manager Judy Stenta agrees that there is a diverse amount of reasons to vote for the May 2 levy.

"If you have students at Shaker, you realize how good an education they are getting. And if you do not have students at Shaker, then you see

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Baseball team fans in the Florida sun and scalds its opponents.

Students to shine at Shakerfest 1989

BY VARUNI KONDAGUNTA
Staff Reporter

Student achievement will be highlighted during the annual spring Shakerfest program. The three-week program starts on April 10 and continues until April 29. This event takes place through cooperative efforts on the parts of teachers, administrators and students of all grades.

According to Director of Curriculum Jim Paces, Shakerfest is designed to provide parents and other members of the community with an opportunity to observe the accomplishments of students and the demonstration of the educational facilities and programs.

The high school orchestra, Modern Dance Club, junior and senior ensembles, Chanticleers and the visual arts classes will be represented at Shakerfest.

"It is a good way to expose learning in Shaker schools," junior Helen Blackwell, a student involved in Shakerfest, said. "I have been in it every year, though, and it is really no big thrill."

"Now, it is not that interesting to go to," senior Orlando Estevez said. "When we were little, it was fun to go to, but it is no big thing now. When we were little, they would put up all our stuff in it, but now, unless you do something exceptional, you really do not get work in it."

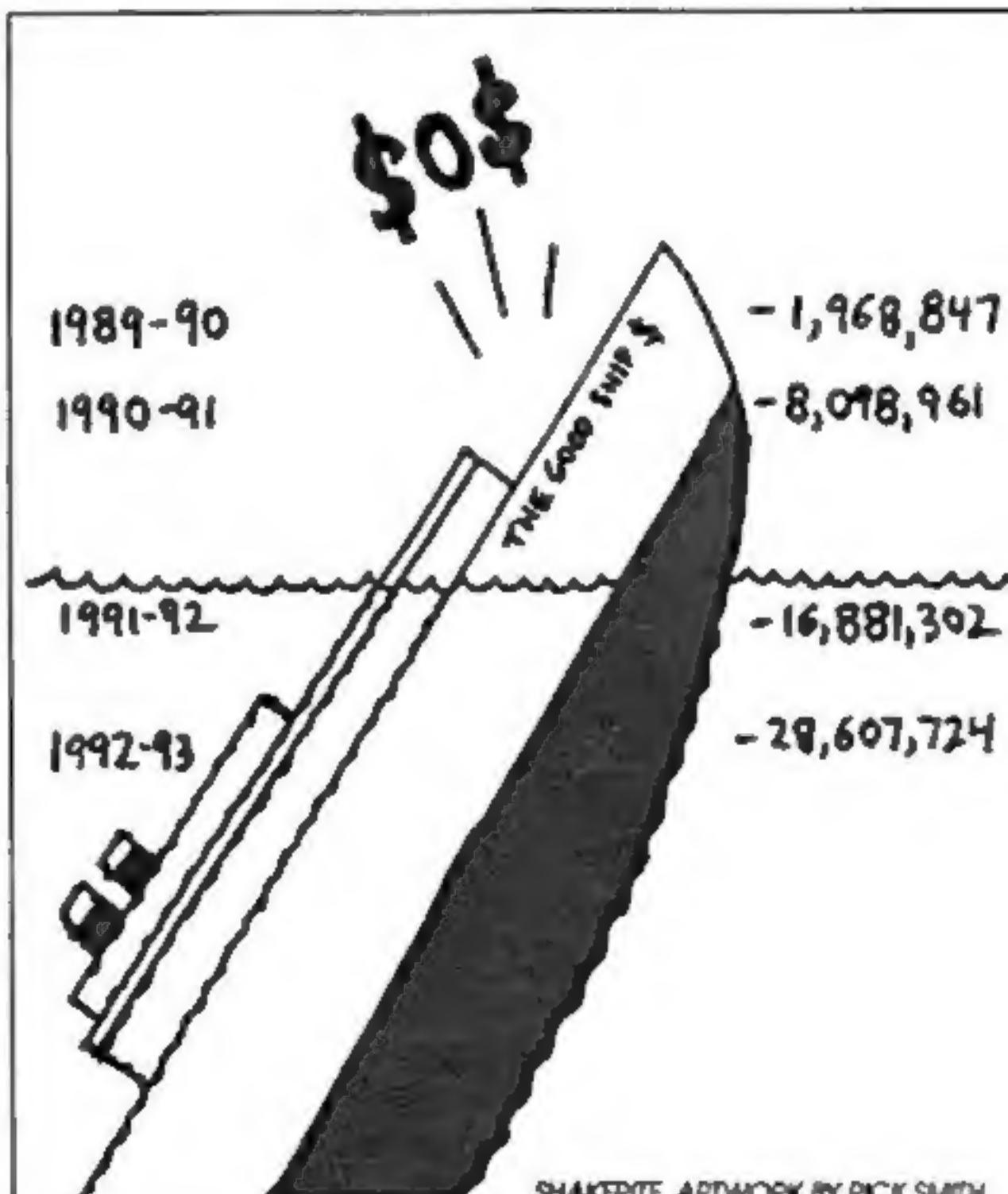
The programs displaying the elementary schools recreate the learning environment of the students and display learning processes and results. The presentations by the high school students primarily consist of performing groups.

This year, the spring event falls before the election on May 2 for the 9.8 mill school levy.

According to Paces, Shakerfest is an annual opportunity for members of the community to observe talents and the hard work of students, but this year, it may be an incentive for Shaker residents to vote in favor of the levy.

"By people seeing the wonderful things happening in our schools, they will continue to give support," Paces said.

"Shakerfest shows what wonderful fine arts we have in Shaker," orchestra director Tracy Powers said.



According to Treasurer Dan Wilson's Fiscal Projections, 1989-1990 through 1991-1992, Shaker's financial ship is plummeting to the depths. If no levy is passed, Shaker will be in a debt of approximately \$2 million at the end of the 1989-1990 school year. By the 1991-1992 school year, Shaker's deficit could soar over \$28 million. Wilson plans for the 9.8 mill school levy on the May 2 ballot to alleviate this financial hole.

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Senior project to start May 15

No 'bumming around' this year

BY KRISTIN MCGOVERN
News Editor

The countdown continues, with only a few short weeks left until May 15, the date that marks the long-awaited and anticipated senior project.

According to physics teacher John Schutter and social studies teacher Baird Wiehe, who are in charge of this program, senior project is more than just "bumming around" for four weeks.

"I find that students participating in senior project learn a lot about what they want to do as adults. It simply can't be duplicated in any other way," said Schutter.

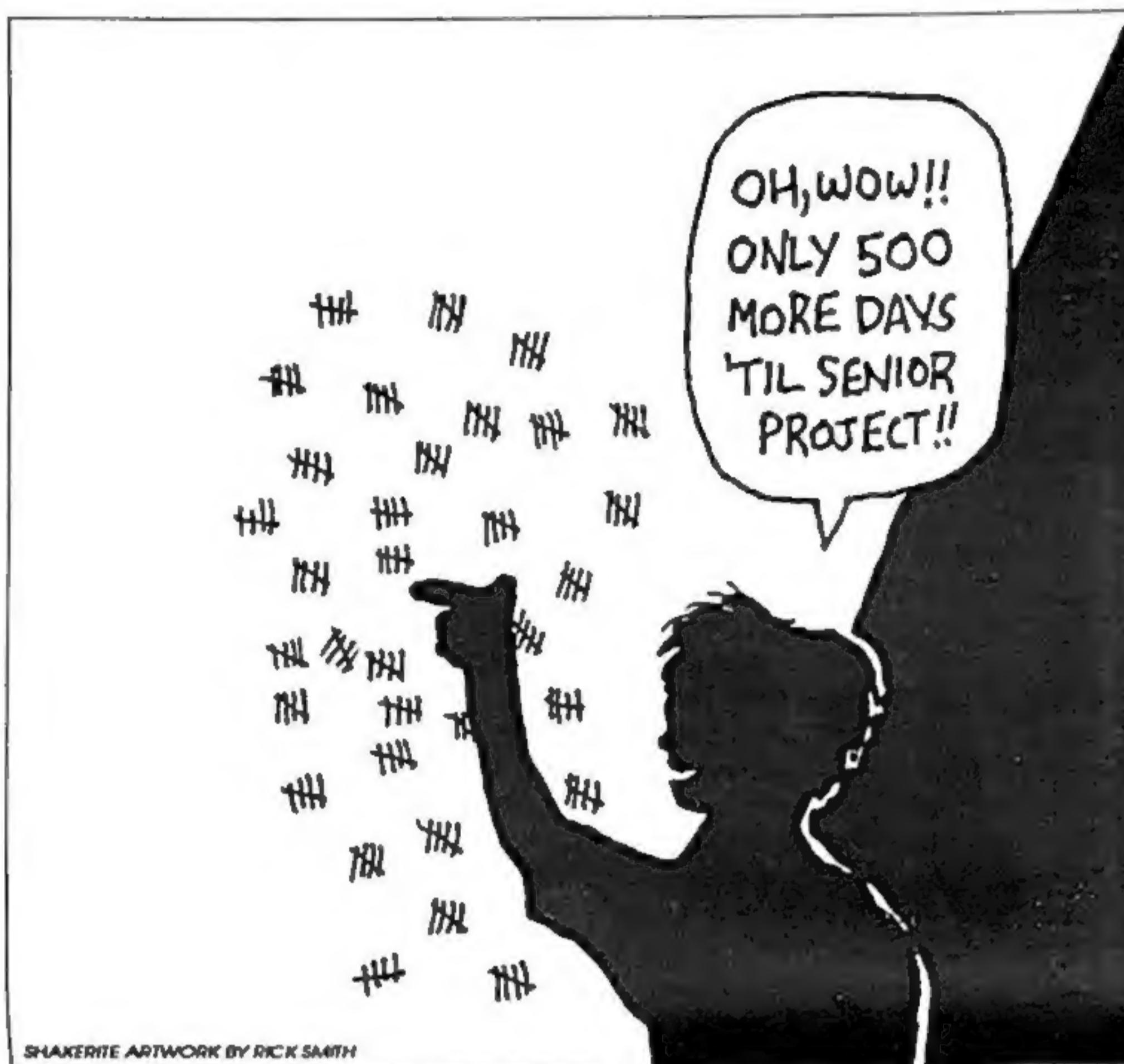
This year, 376 students applied for senior project. According to Wiehe, over 20 students have already been weeded out by unit principal Issac Smith, who evaluates students' absentee records. Students planning to go on senior project must have:

- no more than seven absences in each class
- no cuts or unexcused absences
- no suspensions (depending on seriousness of offense).

According to Wiehe, parents, students and administrators are generally in favor senior project and there are minimal complaints. This year marks the 19th year that Shaker has sponsored senior project and little has been modified.

"They must be doing something right if it's been going on for that long," said senior Lashan-dra Newton.

Schutter said that most projects are within the community, at area hospitals and schools. A few students, however, such as Max Dupuy, Mike Baker and Adam Bennett, are travelling elsewhere. These seniors are hiking on the



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Appalachian Trail, a footpath that runs for 2000 miles from Georgia to Maine. The group plans to compose a photo essay on their hike and "learn the effect that hikers have on the popular trail," according to Dupuy.

Other experiences include working as a legal aid downtown, which is what Louis Willacy plans. Willacy said that he will examine the criminal defense procedure and observe a series of trials under the study of attorneys.

"It'll give me an idea of what I want to do in the real world," said Willacy.

Another group of students, Jamie Edwards, Duane Filey, Jason Howard and Kevin Mahoney, are organizing a fashion show called "Bravado '89" as a fundraiser for SWAE. About 30 students will be in their show.

"It will build a lot of self-esteem in the participants," said Edwards.

Whether the project is recording guitar music, viewing science fiction movies, painting murals or travelling to England, many students believe that senior project is extremely beneficial.

"Personal experience is a better way to learn because real applications are involved instead of memorizing useless information," said senior Rosie Mendes.

Senior Tim Schnall said that senior project gives students the time to pursue an area that is not offered in school.

"It also lets seniors be more positive at a time when they are completely disinterested in school," he said.

"Everyone is so eager and so enthusiastic about senior project, that it must be somewhat productive," said freshman Nikki Collier. "Whatever it is, I'm looking forward to it!"

Unity works to solve racial problems

Student group to elect officers, work with Heights

BY LISALA PEERY
Staff Reporter

Unity, a group formed to solve racial problems, elected their officers at an April 19 meeting.

The group chose to elect people to individual committees to help publicize and enhance the club, according to sophomore and founder of the club Randall Stokes. The committees are responsible for public relations, community relations and speaking at area schools. Advising the club is an executive board of parents and counselor Gloria Corbitt.

Although Unity is attempting to organize events, such as discussions at elementary schools, Corbitt said, "I don't see this being a full-scale group before the summer."

Unity has now merged with Black Youth Movement (BYM), a Cleveland Heights chapter

of Unity. President of BYM Ed McDonald plans to sponsor Community Clean-ups to get the Shaker and Heights chapters on a friendly basis.

"We're doing this to show that two schools known for fighting each other can work together," said Heights sophomore and BYM member Kimberly Harrison.

Corbitt said that she did not want Unity to be considered a community service group, and to further promote the group, a dance will be planned.

"I want this group to be professional," Stokes said, "it's the only way groups will get along."

Attorney Annette Butler was the speaker during Excel Week that inspired Stokes to start the group. Butler said that the theme was that kids have to make changes themselves, along with finding their niche and making the world a better place.

Butler said, "Unity is the perfect example of what I was saying."

Students approve of religious group

BY STEVE LEE
Staff Reporter

A student religious group has existed for two years at Shaker.

According to senior member Rachelle Carroll, the group, primarily a prayer group, meets three days a week from 7:30-8 a.m.

Physics teacher and sponsor John Schutter said that the group has a core consisting of four active seniors: Carroll, Mark Carlson, Cindy Coyle and Erica Petzold. Several underclassmen also attend the meeting regularly, according to Schutter.

In addition to holding regular prayer sessions, Schutter said that the group also holds discussion periods where students talk and share ideas about various topics.

Schutter stressed that the group is "not at all associated with education at Shaker," but regards it as merely another extra-curricular activity.

"[The group] is not costing the taxpayers anything, it doesn't cut into my teaching time and it's not interfering with the education process," said Schutter.

Although the group does not publicize itself within the school, Schutter said that it would, by no means, refuse anyone interested in joining.

Schutter said that the students involved in the group are having a positive experience and that there has been no negative reaction to the group from others.

Junior Ellen Rudolph said, "I think it's great that they have an interest in [their religion] and it's fine that they meet in school. As long as they don't try to impose it on anyone, there's nothing wrong with it."

Senior Richard Walker said, "It doesn't bother anyone and that's what they believe in. They're not forcing anyone to do it so it's all right."

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how strong your property value is," Stenta said. "So, it is very vital to vote for the levy."

"Most people move to Shaker because of its quality education, and they pay to maintain it," Stenta said.

According to Stenta and deputy campaign manager Carol Lowenthal, this pride, which is instilled in the schools, gave them the inspiration for the campaign's slogan, "Proud To Be In Shaker."

Shaker teachers also agree that the high

standard of education at Shaker must be maintained.

"We have so many good educational things in the school system that I would hate to see them leave the scene," substitute teacher Sue Fromson said. "If the levy does not pass, the school will have to take away some very good opportunities for students."

"If you are going to have quality schools, you have to pay for them," math teacher Margo-

rie Boles said. "I just hope the community still believes in education."

Several students said they believe the levy is a necessity as well.

"Although we need alternate sources to the levy, a failure of the levy would result in too many negative effects on our education," junior Jean Paul Olynyk said.

As of press time, there is no report of a campaign against the May 2 levy.

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

Over 70 students signed up for the new Russian class scheduled for the fall, according to principal Jack Rumbaugh.

Rumbaugh had predicted one section with less than 30 students, but because of its popularity, three sections are necessary. Rumbaugh said that he is debating the use of a television proctor to assist in teaching the course. He does believe, however, that a full time teacher is necessary even if the satellite instruction is used.

"It is healthy to the curriculum to offer this introductory Russian course," said Rumbaugh.

Other new courses offered for the fall are Greek and a Black/African course. Rumbaugh said that an introductory Japanese course may be offered in future years.

JCWA JOURNEYS TO NYC

Junior Council on World Affairs (JCWA) travelled to New York April 5 through 9 for a mock U.N. conference.

Participants in the conference were seniors Kevin Fleming, Shana Mathur, Kristin Milano and Rick VanValkenburg; sophomore Mike Epstein and freshman Tim Garon. The group meets every Wednesday and is advised by economics teacher Marjorie Eisenberg and math teacher Craig Maxwell.

DANCE CLUB PERFORMED

The dance club performed on April 14 and 15.

Some of the themes in the dance show were drugs, romance and the loss of a friend. The main dances included "Something Special," "Street People" and "Walk the Dinosaur." Dancing ranged from modern to dramatic, and the students themselves did most of the choreographing. Assisting in some of the choreography and dance routines were dance director Pamela Cor-

New Russian course, 'healthy to curriculum,' says Rumbaugh

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bill and assistant director George Harley.

ORCHESTRA PERFORMS

The orchestra recently performed a series of concerts throughout the community. On April 6 they performed at Woodbury Elementary School and on April 17 they performed for fourth graders in the large auditorium. They played pieces by Mozart and Daniels. The group also plans to play at Senior Honor's Night on May 25.

BANDS PREPARE FOR WAR

The sixth annual Battle of the Bands will be held May 6 and 13. The recreation department is currently accepting audition tapes for those interested in participating in the Battle of the Bands.

THE 'RITE' STAFF

The Shakerite staff for the 1989-90 school year has been announced. Editors-in-chief are juniors Josh Levy and Sarah Davis; business manager is junior Jonathan Hurwitz; opinion editor is junior Austin Rament; news editor is junior Steve Lee; feature editor is sophomore Susan Connelly; spotlight editor is sophomore Sheri Spitz; sports editors are junior Stacy Schlein and junior Brian Resnik; centerpiece editors are

juniors Rick Smith and Kristina Gobel; art editor is junior Rick Smith; photography editor is junior Evan Weinstein; circulation and exchange editor is junior Pam Ostiw; advertising editor is sophomore Christian Hamerstone and computer coordinator is junior Ori Gouleib.

A PAT ON THE BACK

Shaker was listed in the March 31 issue of the Wall Street Journal as one of the top 10 public schools in the country. Evaluation was based on coursework, teacher involvement and experience, test scores, dropout rates and percent of college-bound seniors. Compared to the nine other public schools listed, Shaker had one of the highest percentage of college-bound seniors, but one of the lowest combined SAT scores.

TWO ID'S, BETTER THAN ONE

The Governor's Youth Council, a board comprised of 30 high school students, passed a new law requiring two pieces of identification upon the purchase of alcohol. It is predicted that this measure will greatly curb illegal drinking among Ohio's youth. Governor Richard Celeste told the Plain Dealer that the new law would not be 100 percent foolproof, but it would definitely weed out the amount of accidents and other

tragedies related to teenage drinking.

THE SPIANS THRIVE

The junior and senior acting ensembles will perform in their annual ensemble show April 27-29. Theatre Department head James Thornton will be directing the show and 1981 graduate Rachel Hollander will perform as a guest artist in one of the acts.

Fourteen thespians will also be participating in "Shakescenes" on June 5 under the direction of theatre teacher Dan Garrison. The performance will include several scenes from Shakespeare's plays.

FRIEDMAN RETIRES

Social Studies teacher Penny Friedman is retiring after 20 years at the high school. She taught American government, criminology and law. She plans to spend her extra time next year relaxing and doing volunteer work. She graduated from Shaker 45 years ago.

MAY IN MAINE

Science teachers Kathy Brown and Richard Sylak are leading a group of 37 juniors and seniors to Bar Harbor, Maine, to take part in a five day ecology field trip co-sponsored by the College of the Atlantic. Students involved will study both marine and terrestrial ecology as well as doing hands-on field work in Maine. Planned activities include assembling whale bones for a local museum, sea kayaking to an ocean rookery, rock climbing, whale watching, hiking and spending a day in a tidal pool. The students will leave on May 18 and visit the New England seashore before arriving in Bar Harbor.

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Levy crucial to quality of schools and community

As inflation skyrockets in this country, it is imperative that Shaker citizens vote "yes" for the 9.8 mill school levy in order to maintain the superior education in the schools.

Shaker will have to cut back close to two million dollars at the end of next year, if the May 2 levy is not passed. In the following years the financial situation will grow increasingly worse. The school board has done all it can in cutting back already in order to compete with the rise of inflation. However, their changes have not been enough.

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ATHLETICS NEED ATTENTION

To the Editor, Shakerite staff and anyone who will listen,

Times have changed, yet many things at Shaker Heights High School remain the same—unfortunately. The lack of consideration for Shaker's athletes is something that must change. A prime example of the neglect of our sports facilities and teams is the decrepit condition of the girls' gym. It is of minute size, the floor is warped and the walls crumble on contact like shredded wheat. And what exactly is the liquid in the garbage can in the back? In one way, though, the gym is unique. It is used as a home court and yet it has no bleachers. Are our teams undeserving of fans?

Also, this year (and in the past) the boys' gym catered to one of the best basketball teams in the state, drawing many fans. But Shaker obviously doesn't appreciate their support. Maybe we could learn from the Parma School District, a district that operates three schools on a budget considerably less than ours. Their gyms are immaculate; hanging tracks, competitively sized courts, and stands that sell hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and much more. They show pride in their athletic program.

Next I will focus on our ramshackle outdoor facilities. Last year, so many runners were injured due to the poor quality of the track that this year we will not have home meets.

Then there are the baseball and softball diamonds. There are two diamonds on school grounds but one is neglected all year, so softball uses Woodbury's field. The two fields that are used receive a minimum amount of maintenance and are rarely prepared to be played on until the day of the game. There is no such thing as a home field advantage for Shaker's teams.

Only a small percentage of Shaker's income generates from the State Foundation, and while the recent reappraisal of Shaker property augmented its value, the schools will receive a mere 1.1 percent increase from its total income. Due to House Bill 1920, Shaker cannot collect more than this amount from the new appraisal.

Since the government is offering little assistance, the people must support the school levy in order to survive an economic disaster. Now it is necessary for the regis-

tered voters of Shaker to secure the fine quality of education in their schools. The school board has not addressed specifically what would be cut if the levy does not pass. Nevertheless two million dollars is a large hole to overcome. Clearly, many cut-backs in educational programs would result.

Furthermore, education is of central importance to the individual and to society. It gives the individual the potential and competence to capitalize on opportunity, to expand himself and to survive. In Shaker, we have the

opportunity to maintain quality in our educational institution.

As a solid education boosts the integrity of many students, it is highly beneficial to Shaker property owners. If the quality of the schools plummets so will the value of the property. Shaker houses will not be in high demand with a poor school system. Many people flock to Shaker because of its superior school system. The schools are the pride of Shaker.

If the levy does not pass, this quality in our schools as well as the high property values will fall. Vote "yes" May 2.

the RITE IDEA

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I will end by leaving you with a few more items to think about: Shaker has an indoor track team but no indoor track, and the high school pool is so small and inadequate that our Lake Erie League champion swim teams cannot use it. I am hoping that the administration has simply been unaware of the conditions up until now and will be glad that I have informed them. It would be in the administration's best interest to take action and prevent Shaker from falling too far behind as a competitor. I have one more piece of advice for the administration; that is, change is inevitable. Choosing to ignore it rather than advance with it will be your downfall.

Sincerely,
Nikki Neustadt
Junior



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LET US SMOKE

To the Editor,

The student smokers of Shaker Heights High School would like to express the following

viewpoint. We feel that it is unfair for the school not to allow smoking outside on school grounds. We understand that cigarette smoking endangers both the health of the smoker and the non-smoker. If the school is willing to allow students to smoke in a certain area of the school grounds, then we would be more than happy to place our cigarette butts in a trash receptacle instead of on the ground. There would also most likely be a cessation of smoking in the lavatories. Would it really be that much of a sin to give us a chance?

Sincerely,
Alexey Ratcheson
Senior

PAPER WRONGS ORCHESTRA

To the Editor,

It is extremely unfortunate that a scholastic paper of the Shakerite's journalistic quality is not immune from common oversight. For years, the Shaker Heights High School Orchestra has bailed anonymity and neglect. However we have reached our limit! No longer are we willing to tolerate such lack of attention—attention which the orchestra rightfully deserves. In addition to the band, we in the orchestra also did well in state contest. No one who read the Shakerite would know this however. In solo and ensemble contest, many students achieved extremely high ratings and in our full orchestra competition, we performed honorably, meriting a class B rating of II. From touring last year for the first time in our history, to earning credit equal to that which both band and chorus receive, we have worked long and hard to excel as a group. But even with this progress, we have not attained our goal of gaining the recognition and respect of our peers, including the myopic Shakerite staff. This is an atrocity.

We as Shaker students need to support all of our talented groups, not just a select few. Thank you on behalf of the orchestra,

Jeanne M. Lackamp
Ruthie White

CHEERS AND JEERS

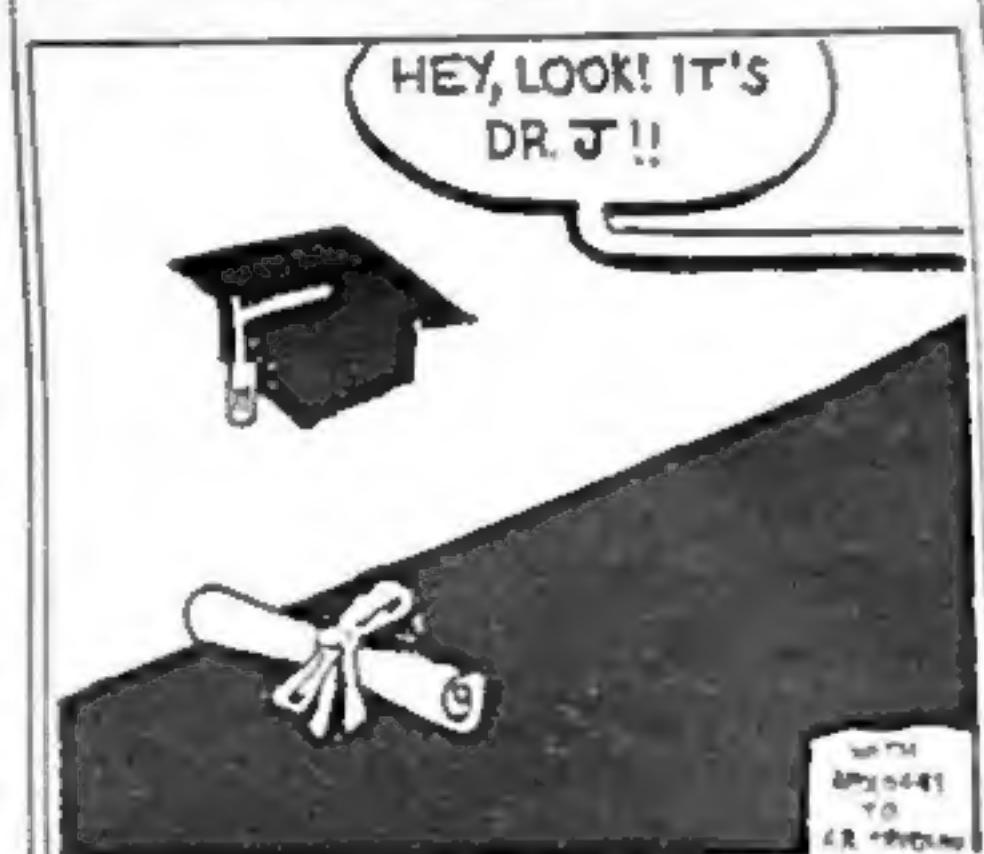
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CHEERS—to "Major League" and its featuring of Sweet Home Cleveland. We only hope the real Indians can do as well.

CHEERS—to Senior Project!

JEERS—to the 500+ days remaining until freshmen reach Senior Project.

CHEERS—to Vada Burnett and Bob Womson, honored for their contributions to the successful Shaker Heights High School basketball team at the Cavs game on April 9.



CHEERS—to Mary Ann Janosik-Ghiondi who recently received her Ph.D. in history from Case Western Reserve University. She wrote her dissertation on Catholic Education in Cleveland.

JEERS—to homeroom—a pointless 10-minute delay in the day.

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Installation of true democracy is answer to Cold War

PERSPECTIVE

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BY AUSTIN RATNER
Opinion Editor

Since World War II and the resolution of world-power into two opposing forces—the capitalistic democracy of the United States and the totalitarian communism of the Soviet Union—a primary diplomatic goal of this country has been to contain the imperialist expansion of the Soviet Union. With the U.S.S.R. clearly a rival, if not an enemy, the U.S. was well aware of the era of competition it had entered, competition for global supremacy.

With the polarization of two world powers, each with their own unique and conflicting interests, the potential for confrontation has continually remained and concern over national security has legitimately followed.

The advent of nuclear weaponry has driven us into the Cold War; the conflict between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. is not resolved

directly for fear of initiating a mutually catastrophic nuclear holocaust, but instead has come to a struggle for alignment of politically unstable areas.

Much of Latin America, areas of the Far East, Mid-East and Africa have all been recipients of such U.S./Soviet power-jockeying.

One thing may be consistently observed in all of these areas: more often than not, the U.S. finds itself supporting a military dictator, attempting to stave off the rise of communism within the population.

Another common characteristic of situations in such politically unstable areas is an undeveloped economy and a poor and illiterate population. In advertising a utopia through communism, the Soviets are more capable of selling communism to the people. Peoples with little political understanding and with a lack of basic necessities, rapidly take to the idea of universal equality, employment and supply. Thus, when the U.S. supports a government in opposition to communism, that government is often in opposition to the people and a U.S.-backed dictatorship is born.

Throughout Cold War history the U.S.,

unable to implant firmly the democratic ideal in the populous, has supported a dictator, in opposition to the people, out of desperation to halt communist spread.

In Cuba, we supported the dictator Batista in vain, for the people were easily aligned with communist Fidel Castro. In Ethiopia, we supported Haile Selassie, who became a dictator, and eventually Ethiopia fell to communism. In China, we supported Chiang Kai-Shek but Mao Tse-Tung prevailed with the people on his side. In Iran, we backed the Shah, in the Philippines Marcos, in Nicaragua Somoza, in Chile Pinochet, in Panama Noriega. The U.S. also backed dictatorships in South Korea and South Vietnam in a desperate attempt to counter the rising tide of communism.

The U.S. has been willing to support dictatorship, the antithesis of democracy (though often in the guise of democracy) in the desperate hopes of denying communist spread and influence. These attempts are not only at odds with true American ideology, but are unsuccessful. In nearly all of the mentioned examples, the U.S. has lost its influence.

The U.S. must concentrate its efforts on

installing the democratic ideals as revolutionary and popular as the Soviets have done with communism. In this way, the people will be behind the government, supporting the appealing ideology. Besides the fact that establishing a firmly and popularly supported democracy would bolster our influence, it is the best system for the people. Empirically communism has been extremely unsuccessful economically and has resulted in totalitarianism (resulting from the governmental domination of so many facets of society).

If as much money and effort were spent as is now on the support of quasi-freedom fighters who are likely to bring about a military dictatorship (such as the Nicaraguan Contras), the U.S. would be able to attempt the firm implantation of the democratic ideal in areas of political instability. In doing so, more substantial progress in the Cold War could be achieved and the true, noble concept of democracy could be perpetuated around the world.

And if world-democracy cannot be achieved, perhaps we can at least achieve a basic level of hygiene at the high school. Please put some soap in the bathrooms.

Bush falls through on campaign promises

BY JEREMY KAHN
Staff Reporter

George Bush officially became the 41st President of the United States this January by proclaiming to be a man with a mission, the education president, the president who would win the drug war and the president on whose lips you could clearly read, "No new taxes!" But with the new administration off to a slow start, it appears that the White House is suffering from a severe case of schizophrenia. Bush's campaign intentions have yielded little or no action.

Because he is the "education president," Bush wants to improve education greatly and expand the Head Start program to every four-year-old in America. Unfortunately, the message we've read on his lips seems equally to say that there will be no extra spending for programs such as education—programs which he assured us he would attempt to bolster. The budget, cutting education spending, indicates either that he has lied to

the people or that indecision so dominates this newborn administration that campaign plans cannot be acted upon.

Recently Bush presented the teacher of the year award and proposed a \$41 million dollar award system for excellence in education. The system provides money only to institutions who prove themselves worthy on their own. It in no way attempts to improve the educational system, but sustains a few which have already succeeded. Giving out awards is not going to insure that every high school senior can find Mexico on a map. Broad programs that extend to everyone are necessary for a real bettering of the educational system. As of yet, Bush has made no move to put any of these programs into action.

President Bush promised to be tough on the issue of drugs, yet he can look out the window of the Oval Office and see a city which has become the capital of drug-related violence. While he did appoint William Bennett as drug czar and banned foreign made assault rifles, none of the intensive programs which are necessary to combat drugs and related crime have emerged from this admini-

stration so far.

Bush's concern for the environment was also made clear during the campaign. For a man concerned with the environment, Bush reacted very slowly to the Exxon/Valdez situation in Alaska.

Bush also expressed concern about exploration of natural resources in his inaugural address, particularly in Alaska. Capitalization on the resources we possess is essential, and to do so requires a careful balance and specific trade-offs between environmental protection and resource exploration. No plans have been made, no programs initiated along these lines, and such hesitation in environmental matters such as the Exxon disaster is evidence of the lack of decisive action there will be concerning the environment under the Bush Administration.

Bush's vacillation in putting forth any sort of action in all of the areas he suggested he would is both disappointing and evidence perhaps, of a crippling identity crisis in the Bush Administration.

Background checks on guns are well worth wait

BY AMY ROSEWATER
Editor-in-Chief

Guns don't kill, people do.

This is the National Rifle Association's philosophy.

Isn't it amazing that in 1985, according to Handgun Control, Inc., handguns killed 46 people in Japan, eight in Great Britain, 31 in Switzerland, five in Canada, 18 in Israel and five in Australia.

Not to mention 8,092 in the United States. But remember, guns don't kill.

The total number of suicides by handguns in the United States in 1985 was 2,981.

But guns don't kill.

Why does our society deal with this ignorance? Why must incidents with schoolyard snipers bring this issue to our attention? Why must politicians get the NRA's support before they can be elected?

The Miami Herald called the 2.8 million member NRA, "the meanest, most unfor-giving lobby in the land."

This powerful lobby kills any legislation

aimed at restricting the sale of plastic handguns, cop-killer bullets and machine guns.

These are exactly what our society needs—Uzis. They're great children's toys. They're so great that they can kill a crowd of people at a McDonald's in California.

But guns don't kill.

What about the shooting of John Lennon? What about Ronald Reagan? Is this what our society wants?

Japan, Great Britain, Switzerland, Israel and Australia require some form of background check or license to purchase a gun. In the United States, only 22 states have background checks. The move to create a national law requiring a seven-day wait for a background check, led by Sarah Brady, the wife of former White House Press Secretary James Brady who remains permanently injured

from the gunshots of John Hinckley Jr., has been unsuccessful.

Guns just injure people. No killing is involved.

Maryland, which has a seven-day waiting period, prevented 732 handguns from falling into

the wrong hands in 1986. California, with its 15-day waiting period, prevented 1,500 illegal purchases of handguns in the same year. New Jersey caught over 10,000 convicted felons trying to purchase guns—a federal offense in the 19 years it has had a waiting period.

A waiting period and a background check would protect all of us, including those who love

their guns. If you're clean—you're not a convicted felon, a drug addict or drug dealer, mentally ill or a fugitive from justice, you may have your gun.

The waiting period would prevent heated domestic arguments from turning into homicides. It would also prevent over-the-state-border profiteering. Still, the NRA protests such legislation.

Obviously this would violate the Second Amendment "right" to own guns, which of course don't kill people.

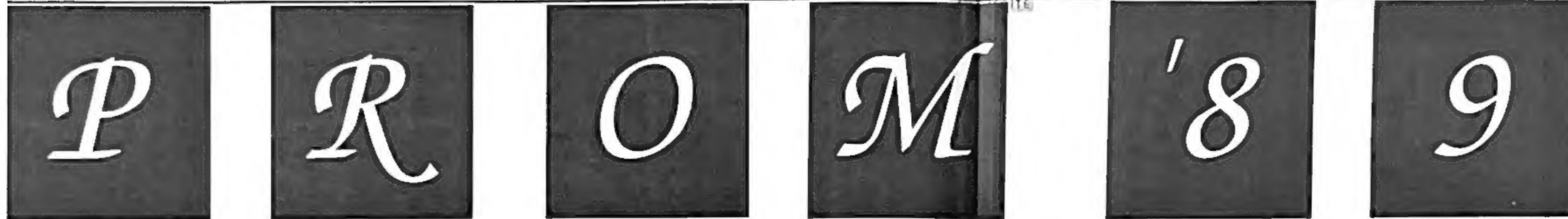
The Second Amendment says: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." A waiting period does not infringe on anyone's right to keep and bear arms. One just has to wait a week. Isn't a week's wait worth a life?

Also, the "militia" does not include lunatics who carry semi-automatic machine guns into your nearby McDonald's. Even hunters who have perfectly clean records do not need an Uzi to shoot a deer.

Perhaps the most intelligent statement concerning this issue came from President George Bush, a member of the NRA:

"We all know the NRA's position: Guns don't kill people—grapes do."





Cruisin': The boat that did not float

BY SARAH DAVIS
Centerpiece Editor

Prom. Pictures of you and your date on the lawn are followed by a romantic dinner. Then, on that lovely May evening, you travel to the Crawford Auto Museum. Music is provided by Sound Saxon's video DJ, and the refreshments are from Simply Elegant. At 1 p.m., the dance is over. But prom is not. What now?

If this were another school district, such as Orange or Mayfield, there would be an after-prom party sponsored by the school. However, despite efforts by the administration, PTA and senior class officers, there will not be a Shaker after-prom.

"We were really disappointed—this class has had a rough time, being the first freshmen in the high school," said Carol Lowenthal, former president of the PTA. "But if you throw a party and no one comes, you cannot do it. We tried to have an alternative to crowding 50 people in a hotel room and drinking, which after 45 minutes is pretty boring."

The after-prom was canceled because less than 100 students signed up, and a minimum of 220 students were needed to justify its cost. According to activities director David Dugovics, the boat alone cost \$4000. The plans for Shaker's canceled after-prom included students taking buses from the high school to the docks at 2:30 a.m. The boat would transport the students to Cedar Point as they were entertained by a DJ and refreshments. Upon arrival at Cedar Point, the students would be given breakfast and admission to the park. For students, the cost would have been \$20.

"I think that it is a great deal," principal Jack Rumbough said. "We will try it again next year."

The PTA began planning for an after-prom last summer, considering several different ideas. Then there was an effort to get seniors involved in the planning process.

"Basically, we had the same 12 people at the meetings to plan it. We sent letters inviting people to attend these meetings," said Dugovics.

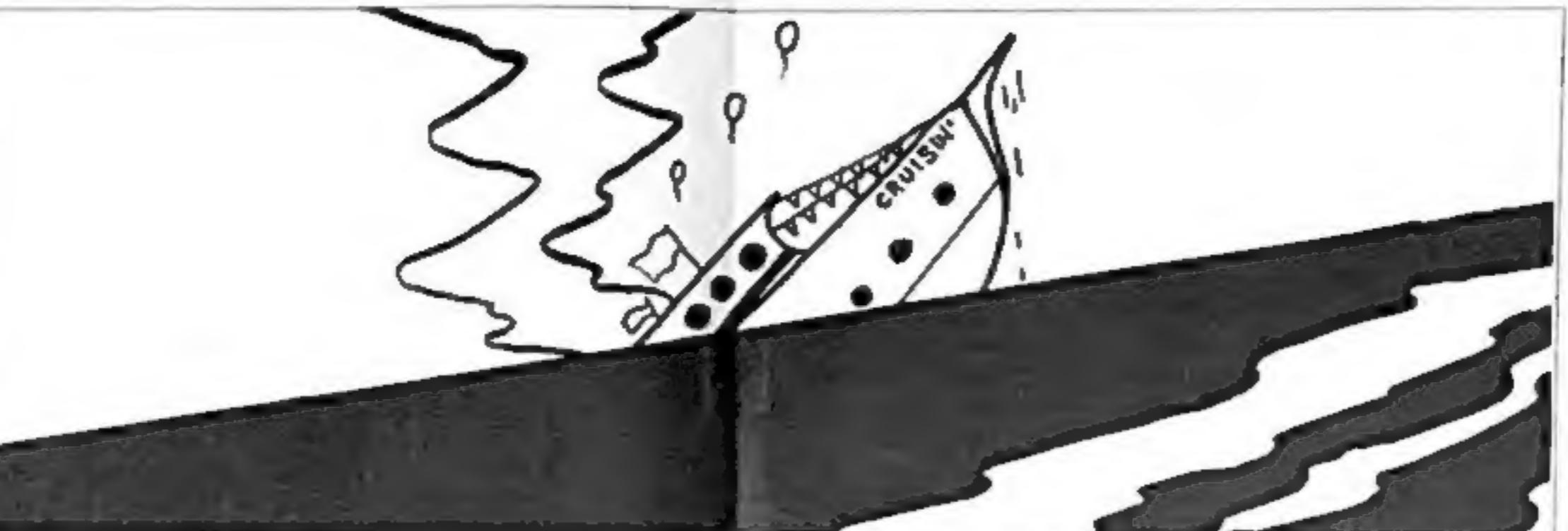
Obviously, the idea did not catch fire among members of the senior class.

"I thought that it would be fun," senior Melissa House said, "but I did not go sign up—it would be right after prom. But I understood what the PTA was saying, though there would still be a span of two hours where people could be out." House added that she would be going to Cedar Point the next day with other students.

Many seniors are considering or planning to attend Cedar Point on their own initiative the Sunday following prom. According to senior class president Tara McElroy, who worked to plan the event, the students did not want to be chaperoned, a necessity for a school sponsored activity.

"It is ridiculous. No one wants to stay in one place all night. It is also senseless to rent cars and leave them there all night. And they limited time at Cedar Point—you had to be back at the boat by five," said senior Allison Adler.

"I feel bad for the people who wanted to go," said Dugovics. "They were not interested in private parties or going to a hotel room. A lot of people chose the boat trip because it was pressure free—they would not have to deal with drinking or drugs. It was not a profit-making venture."



ARE YOU WEARING A DRESS LIKE THIS? Students check out each other's formal wear at a past Shaker dance. Many dress stores keep lists of what schools their customers attend to help prevent identical dresses being worn at the same prom. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE 1984 GRISTMILL



Deal of the Century

BY CHRISTIAN HAMERSTONE, JILL PELAVIN
AND RACHEL RATCHESON

Staff Reporters

Are you wondering where you can find that tux, limo or special flower for prom? Or rather, are you wondering how you will pay for it all?

Here is a selection of area stores which specialize in supplying students with the prom "necessities." The prices listed are either a range of prices for an item, or the average price. The selection lists the brands of items which the store carries.

TUXEDOS

American Commodore, Richmond Mall, #449-0414 Prices: \$47-79 Selection: Bill Blass (ivory), Christian Dior (white), Miami Vice (royal blue, grey), Pierre Cardin (black), plus Dynasty, After 6.

American Commodore Tuxedo, Randall Park Mall, #581-7177 Prices: \$45-78 Selection: After 6 (ivory), Christian Dior (white), Dynasty (grey), Miami Vice (royal blue), Pierre Cardin (different lapels, tails).

Bennet Richard—Formal Rental, 1106 Euclid Ave, #241-1147 Prices: \$45-85 Ohio Tuxedo Rental, 13930 Cedar Road, #321-0990 Prices: \$35-63 Selections: Pierre Cardin (black, grey, white, or ivory with different tails and lapels).

Tuxedo Junction, South Gate USA, #663-6622, Severance Center #219-0203 Prices: \$39-70 Selection: Pierre Cardin (black, grey, white). Rent-A-Tux, 6165 Mayfield Road, #442-1344 Prices: \$35-75 Selection: Miami Vice (black, white, ivory), Pierre Cardin (black, white, ivory).

LIMOUSINES

American Limousine—#221-9300 \$40 per hour with a six hour minimum. White Limo \$50 with a six hour minimum. Tip extra.

Century Limousine—#234-4087 \$45 per hour with a five hour minimum. Comes with AM-FM Stereo, color TV and moonroof. Also \$75 per hour with a five hour minimum for a super stretch Cadillac.

Cleveland Connection Limousine—#651-5466 \$45 per hour with a three hour minimum plus a \$50 deposit and 15 percent tip. Comes with a AM-FM stereo, TV, phone, and moonroof.

Colson's Classic Rolls-Royce and Limousine—#4561-7245. The Rolls-Royce is \$60 per hour no minimum, couples only and the group RR is \$70 an hour with a three hour minimum. The limousine is \$50 an hour no minimum.

Discount Limousine—#443-4441 \$35 per hour with a six hour minimum. There is also another limo which comes with a sofa and rods at \$38 per hour with a six hour minimum.

Gold Coast Limousine—#267-4222 \$314 for five hours and each additional hour is \$35 plus 15 percent tip.

Mr Formal—#291-2900 \$45 per hour with a six hour minimum. Comes with a stereo, telephone, color TV, moonroof, Peppermint ice.

Rush Limousine—#265-0530 \$35 per hour with a five hour minimum. Comes with TV.

bar, ice and glasses.

Touch of Class—#422-5382 \$299 for a stretch with everything (for six hours).

FLOWERS

Acme Supermarkets, 4401 Mayfield Road, #382-6500 Selection and prices: carnation \$3.25 for 1, \$5.25 for 3, single orchid \$2.25 and double \$3.25; rose \$6 for 2 and \$7.50 for 3.

Alexander's Florist, Randall Mall and Richmond Mall, #292-4500 Selection and prices: carnation \$4.00 for 1 and \$5.50 for 2, rose \$6.50 for 1 and \$10.50 for 2.

Bonita Florist, 4418 Mayfield Road, #381-2111 Selection and prices: carnation \$5.50 and up; orchid \$6.00 and up.

Brooks Flowers, 2889 Chagrin Blvd., #431-1630 Selection and prices: carnation \$8.50, orchid \$10.50; rose \$14.50 for 5.

Flowers by Michael, 6101 Mayfield Road, #461-5353 Selection and prices: carnation \$4; baby breath \$0.99 extra; orchid \$15 for 4 or \$7.50 for 1, roses \$10-25.

Flowers by Stazione, Village Square, #831-6733 Selection and prices: carnation \$6-8, orchid \$12.50-20; rose \$15.

Flowerville, 2261 Warrensville #932-7550 Selection and prices: carnation \$4 for 1 and \$6 for 2; orchid \$10 for 1 and \$18 for 2; rose \$15 for 3.

Palmer's Florist, 4615 Mayfield Road, #381-8050 Selection and prices: carnation

Pictures...a romantic dinner...the Crawford Auto Museum...Music...Simply Elegant. At 1 p.m., the dance is over. But prom is not.

Council lost interest

BY TANIA MENESSE
Staff Reporter

Before the skating party. After the skating party. Student council for the most part died after the Thomson Park skating party.

"Student council put on the skating party. But my idea of a Saturday night with students is not to break up fights and play policemen," said Mark Hoskins, student council adviser. "The fights were Shaker versus Shaker. The excuse was other schools, but that is not a realistic reason. The idea of the party was to raise money for the hunger drive. We raised \$800, but the idea was lost in all the confusion of the party."

Since then student council has planned a volleyball game and a talent show. Yet many students at Shaker did not even know that the show took place.

Dances are usually planned by a class or by student council and are overseen by Dave Dugovics, activities director. Last year's Winter Ball fell through and this year it looks like Homecoming and Prom are the only dances that Shaker will host.

"Dances, specifically the Winter Ball, fell apart because not enough Shaker students pay in advance, and a dance is often for one segment of the school population, thus polarizing students in regard of activities," said Hoskins.

Many students support Hoskins' view, citing racial tensions and a reluctance to go to a dance which is attended largely by one race.

"I liked the skating party," said senior Kyle Lashon. "I had to drive there to work because my mom always sponsored a dance here I would not go because it becomes all black, and I do not think that is right." Lashon is a black student.

Junior class president Ernest DeJesus said that there have been too many complaints about racial music at dances. He added that dances cost too much money, and there is never a large crowd.

What it all boils down to is that student council has really not made too much of an effort since the disaster at the skating party, according to Dugovics.

Hoskins said, "A lot of ideas were proposed, but there was not good follow-through by council and advisers. The students lost interest. Host interest. The juniors provided excellent leadership, but ideally for it to work all grade levels must have equal involvement. After all, when there are so many restrictions and you are told 'no' so many times, you just do not ask."

Dugovics hopes to have an activities handbook for next year. He will also hold elections for class officers this spring, so that council will have the summer to get organized.

"It takes effective student leadership, and I have not seen a whole lot of productivity from council this year. For next year we will try something new," said Dugovics.

THIS IS THE ONE. Senior Lauri Coate examines a prospective prom dress in a department store mirror. PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURI COATE





Imagine a winning baseball team...you can with movies

'Major League' hits home

BY JOHN-PHILLIP NEILL
Sports Editor

Tired of waiting for the Indians to climb out of their cozy home in the cellar of the Eastern Division? Are you dying to discover the feeling you get from a pennant contender in October instead of May? Well wait no longer, because for only \$5.50, you can feel the joyous, gut-wrenching emotion of a winning baseball team in Cleveland.

No, I'm not trying to tell you this is the year for the Tribe, convince you they've lowered the prices of stadium tickets or sell you a bridge. I'm talking about "Major League," a movie which will have your heart skipping a beat, your hands clapping and will reinstate some of the pride in Cleveland and our Indians that you may have been lacking.

The movie is about a Las Vegas wife of the just deceased Indians owner who assumes the ownership with foul play in mind. Miami offers her a chance to move the squad out of the cold Cleveland days in Municipal Stadium and into a brand new stadium under the Florida sun. The only catch is under Cleveland's present contract, the attendance must total below 800,000 for the year in order for the team to relocate. The best way to lower the attendance is, of course, leave them just the way they are. But she thinks of the next best idea—hiring a bunch of no-name bush-

leaguers and has-beens to try out for a whole new squad.

The new team, under a manager that has never been heard of, trains hard and doesn't start off all that bad, much to the consternation of the wicked manager. Seeing the team is threatening mediocrity, she handicaps them even further, sending them on road trips in planes and buses held together with electrical tape. Discovering their manager's plots, the players realize they are more than likely to be cut if the team moves out of Cleveland, they are thus inspired to make a run for the pennant at a furious pace.

Some of the best parts of the movie are the many shots of downtown Cleveland and the stadium—footage which only a true Clevelander could appreciate. Clevelanders are not the only ones to appreciate this film. It has been a grand slam at box offices across the country.

The characters' stories keep your interest up as you wait for another shot of the ballpark or a Cleveland restaurant that looks familiar to you. The big name actors such as Charlie Sheen and Tom Barenberg turn out so-so performances, but the characters playing minor roles turn out to be the ones you really root for.

Indians fans might have to see this movie just to see the Tribe win the pennant. This reviewer would give "Major League" a five star ranking. However, this could only happen in Hollywood, so he's giving it a four.



SHAKERITE ARTWORK BY RICK SMITH

Daytime soaps add more than just zest to viewers' lives

BY SHERI SPITZ
Staff Reporter

The hands on the clock slowly creep towards one o'clock. The diligent student will ignore the fact that at this very second, Diana could be returning to Roman to marry him or Victor could again be plotting another way to break up Justin and Adrienne. And as three o'clock rolls around, that same school-consciousness kid will concentrate only on their studies and not on what Lucy may be up to or whether Tony is going to propose to Bobby or Valerie.

While a large number of students consider soap operas to be a waste of time, some find that they are hopelessly hooked.

"When I get home from school, I like to relax, kick off my shoes and turn on the tube and watch my soaps," said senior Jenni Mandel.

Well, according to Jet magazine, soap operas provide an escape route from ordinary life, a haven where everyone else's problems of infidelity and false murder charges seem so much worse than the problems they themselves face. Researchers have also found that people enjoy watching the stressful, unhappy lives

of the soap opera characters because it helps them deal with their own personal trauma and is often a substitute for companionship.

In a recent poll of fourth period lunch the most enjoyable day-time soap was voted to be NBC's "Days of Our Lives" with both NBC's "Santa Barbara" and ABC's "General Hospital" coming in a close second. The top prime-time soap was voted to be ABC's "Dynasty."

Soap operas, besides helping viewers cope with their problems, also deal with a wide range of other social issues. For example, over the past few years, at least two soaps have dealt with the issue of AIDS. ABC's "All my Children" had one character who contracted the disease from her drug-addicted husband. And on NBC's "Another World," one character acquired AIDS through a blood transfusion.

And, if none of these factors give soaps meaningful value for you, you might want to consider what Molly Ivins, a reporter for T.V. Guide says.

"Soaps may not be high art, but they are socially useful. For one thing they provide employment for an impressive number of actors who would otherwise be waiting tables."

SHAKERITE ARTWORK BY RICK SMITH



'Fletch Lives' stands up to prior reputation

BY DEVIN FREIDMAN
Staff Reporter

Fletch Lives! Personally, I never thought he was dead. Nevertheless, there's no doubt that the Fletch tradition of ludicrous humor and absence of plot continues.

"Fletch Lives" is an enjoyable movie, if you are in the right mood. It's filled with stupid jokes and slapstick humor (which is surprisingly funny) but lacks meaning. Chevy Chase, in his second appearance as Fletch, continues with his unique style of humor. As usual, it works.

The movie does, however, leave something to be desired in its plot and story line. In fact, I'm not quite sure there is one. It has something to do with Edwin Fletcher's (Fletch) inheritance of a sizeable estate in "Belle Isle," Louisiana. When he realizes his good fortune, he quits his job as a journalist and heads south. He does this only to uncover a murder mystery, and the rest is predictable.

Like I said, not much of a plot.

But don't be discouraged, Fletch fans. If you loved Fletch I, chances are you'll enjoy this one too, though the student consensus has favored the original as the better of the two. The lack of story line allows Chase to work freely in his role as Fletch, and he shines. All of the old Fletch trademarks are there—his love for the L.A. Lakers, his wit, his false teeth routine and his pseudonyms. In this picture, he refers to himself as anything from Nostradamus to Victor Hugo and everything in between.

Fletch is a fun movie—great if you're a Fletch fan or a fan of movies like "Police Academy" or "Airplane." If you're not, I'd say save your five dollars. Regardless, next time you see Fletch, don't ask what he can do for you, ask "What can I do for you—for you?"



(out of five)

Battle of the sexes: Is female discrimination a high school reality?

BY LINDSEY KLINE AND CARYN MARKUS
Staff Reporter and Feature Editor

The first day of third grade began and before even thinking about their ABC's, the children were asked to separate—boys sit up front, girls are in the back.

"It's easier to teach that way," explained the teacher in a March 1986 article in *Phi Delta Kappan* magazine.

Hopefully we at Shaker have never encountered such blatant sexual discrimination but the cases are also not always this clear. Women have, over the last 15 years, gained much. The numbers of women students, faculty and administrators has increased, numerous anti-discrimination laws have been passed and many practices that once limited a women's access to academe have been eliminated. Yet despite improvements, some things have not changed at all: the higher the rank, the fewer the women; the more prestigious the field, the department, or the school, the fewer the women; the higher the degree, the fewer the women. The list goes on.

According to education professors Myra and David Sadker of American University, female discrimination begins at an early age and progresses into a never-ending cycle.

"Girls start school with higher achievement. But by high school graduation, boys outperform them on most standardized tests," David Sadker said. "Girls are therefore less likely to be accepted by prestigious colleges. And those that do, lose out in scholarships because they are female. This is directly linked with the sexual discrimination girls receive in early schooling."

Recent studies conducted by the College Board show that boys, on the average, lead girls by 57 points on the SAT's. The Sadkers attribute this difference to a difference in the education boys receive from girls, rather than a difference in ability.

"Teachers praise boys far more than girls. Boys also get more criticism," Myra Sadker concluded after a three year study on the subject. "The results are that boys get more encouragement and more chances to improve. They also learn how to handle criticism."

Many feel that there is little if any discrimination here in the Shaker classroom.

"I have all male teachers this year and I hear little jokes—male teachers will always have a type of bond with male students, but I don't see any discrimination," senior Natalie Floyd explained. "The teachers are just as willing to teach females just as well as they teach the boys."

Some students and teachers do, however, seem to find a definite change of attitude when it comes to physical activity within the school. Many believe a great deal of sexism occurs in the physical education department.

"I've experienced sexism in this school but especially in gym class. It really gets me, how in such an integrated school system, that parts of the administration can determine whether or not a girl can be in one gym class and not in another," junior Holly Robinson said.

Substitute Robert Szabo feels that female discrimination extends to the sports teams as well. He thinks there are basically women's sports and men's sports, and the two are restricted from merging.

"If a school wants total equality, then they should have one football team. Women want as much

emphasis put on their sports as boys' sports get," Szabo said.

Sexism does not end in the high school either. It continues and as some researchers believe, increases out in the real world. Theodore Sizer, a professor at Hofstra University, says there is less discrimination in high schools than in any other American institution. A *Better Homes and Gardens* article in February of last year cited statistics to prove this statement. A mere 10 percent of all high school principals are women—a smaller percentage than in the 1950's. Only 11 percent of all full-time professors are women. Forty-seven percent of women faculty have tenure as compared with 69 percent of male teachers with it. And according to a participant at a pro-choice rally in Washington, white upper-middle class women make 60 cents to the male dollar. Black women make 53 cents to the male dollar and Hispanic women earn 48 cents to the male dollar.

German teacher Lynda Mayer believes adult discrimination [as compared to student discrimination] is visible in the high school.

"Has anyone ever counted department chairmen? My understanding is that there are only male department chairmen except for home economics," she said. "We therefore have only one lady authority in this school."

Freshman Nathan Wisneski disagrees. He does not see any female discrimination at Shaker. In fact he feels the opposite often occurs.

"Ninety percent of the time when a girl and boy are talking in class, the boy gets reprimanded," he said.

Mayer attributes this to the fact that the type of behavior a boy exercises usually requires stricter discipline. She said boys' offenses tend to be more rambunctious while girls' offenses are more normal.

Giving credit to both positions, male favoritism or female, social studies teacher Charles Longo compromised the two beliefs with one theory.

"All men and women are sexist to some degree simply because neither one can understand the other."



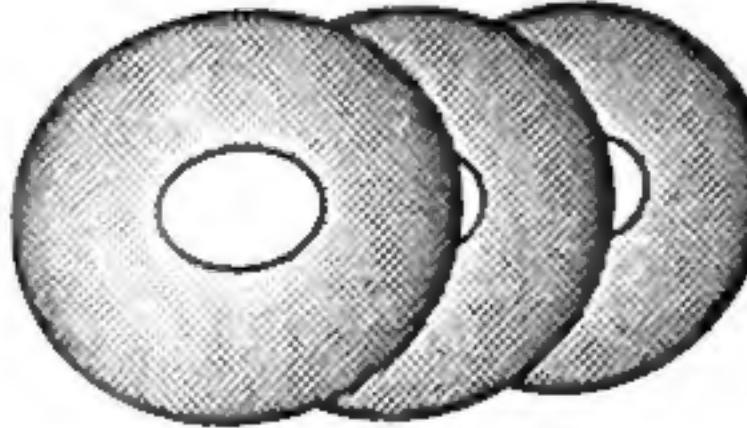
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'What a long, strange trip it's been'

Deadheads explain their attraction to the Grateful Dead

BY AMY ROSEWATER
Editor-in-Chief

They're dressed in tie-dye shirts. Around their wrists are carefully woven, multi-colored bracelets and they're listening to their favorite band—The Grateful Dead. Some of them will even travel cross-country to see their beloved band perform.

According to "Dead" followers, commonly known as Deadheads, the band has a certain mystique to it. The Grateful Dead, which originated in the mid-1960's, has been able to mesmerize its fans with its 1960's messages of love, peace and happiness.

The Rolling Stone History of Rock and Roll, a book about rock and roll figures, describes the band in its early years: "They were folkies (plus one avant-garde electronic music dropout), a former bluegrass banjoist, a blues organist and some others who'd gotten caught up in the corny fun of the jug band craze."

Donald Ghiandoni, husband of social studies teacher Mary Ann Janosik, knew Jerry Garcia, the lead singer of the Grateful Dead. Although Ghiandoni met Garcia in San Francisco in the late 1960's and "hung out with him," he doubts that Garcia would even recognize him today. Ghiandoni

"Jerry's a legend," said one senior Grateful Dead fan. "You look at the dude—he's fat. He's got white hair—but he's still playing."

He added that the band's popularity lies in its music and its lifestyle. Some people have been following the band for over 15 years, he said. Those who follow the "Dead" on the road often sell tie-dye t-shirts, bracelets and "bootlegs" at the concerts. A "bootleg" is a tape of a live Dead concert that can only be purchased at concerts or through other connections, according to senior Jason Jurek, who has listened to the Grateful Dead for about eight years.

Jurek, who has been to five concerts, said that outside the concert, people sell Dead paraphernalia, but inside, "you let yourself go [with the crowd as well as the music]."

"If you're really into the Dead, it's cool," said Jurek. "But if you're not, it's just like any other concert."

One senior said a Grateful Dead concert is like a "constant music festival," senior Scott Drew compared it to a "carnival." Senior Courtney Wooley said it is like a "party."

"They have that '60's feeling...It's all about feeling good," one Deadhead said. "I feel more love [at a concert] than I do anywhere else."

Even though the band's audience comes from all parts of the country and different backgrounds, one fan said he feels this sense of family also.

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damentally an anti-cocaine song...its lyrics are dire. If it takes a position, the position it takes is that you're going to get in trouble if you use cocaine," explained Garcia when questioned about the context. "But that song became a celebration of cocaine."

Grateful Dead member Robert Hunter writes most of the band's songs. Garcia claims that Hunter is able to write lines that are "graceful, economical and say exactly what you want it to mean with no fat."

"You can't go through their songs word for word 'cause a lot of it doesn't make sense," said Jurek.

"If in the event that there is somebody out there actually listening to the lyrics in the sense of actually obeying them...God forbid," said Garcia.

Jurek described the band as "mellow." He claimed that Deadheads are quiet fans, unlike heavy metal listeners who are often rowdy and fight at concerts.

Although Jurek's description of calm Deadheads is accepted by most Dead followers, the Pittsburgh police force may disagree. One student who went to the concert in Pittsburgh said that at many concerts, people go without tickets, expecting to either buy them from a scalper or get in free. He said it's very difficult to purchase tickets for a concert, but one can order up to four tickets from a mail order service.

Only one guard was stationed at a gate in Pittsburgh. The fans decided to

"rush the gate," the student said. The next night, most of the Pittsburgh police squad was at the concert and there was much cop-fan violence. According to the student, at least 1,000 fans got in free.

The city of Pittsburgh will no longer allow the band to perform there.

Unlike many rock bands which are popular for a short period of time, the Grateful Dead has been together for almost 25 years. The Dead disbanded in the fall of 1974, but in the late 1970's, they got back together. Ghiandoni attributes the band's long-time success to its continued commitment to peaceloving attitudes.

"[The band] never walked away from the mystique—the peace, the love, the flower-children."

"They don't go along with what's current," said Drew, who has attended two Dead concerts.

Wooley, who has been to three concerts and has camped out at a concert once, agrees.

"A lot of people enjoy their music. I really wouldn't call it a normal band. It's more like a giant, happy family," Wooley said. "[The Grateful Dead] is not anything I can describe. It's more like you have to see it yourself."



"The common denominator is the band," he said.

He added that the stereotypical Deadhead, the "lost hippie" and "drug addict," is true in some, but not all cases. Junior Matt Blank, who has been to approximately 52 concerts, said that the stereotypical Dead listener does not always wear a tie-dye shirt—many men in business suits, grandmothers and teenagers also tune into the Dead.

Many of the students interviewed said that drugs are readily available at Dead concerts and are part of the band. But they also stressed the fact that although drugs are available, they are not the most prominent aspect for concert-goers.

"Drugs are just a part of it," said Drew.

Blank added that people should not be too judgemental, they should just go see a show. Despite fans' protests that drugs are not a vital part of the music, some people feel that the band advocates the use of drugs. In fact, the band itself, Garcia said in a radio interview, was taken to jail in New Orleans after their hotel room was searched for drugs by the police.

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Baseball squad heats up Florida tourney

Team hopes for grand slam season

BY JOHN-PHILLIP NEILL AND
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Professional baseball squads start off their seasons early in spring when they pack up their equipment and head for the warmer temperatures of the South and West. But this year major leaguers were not alone, for during the afternoon of March 24, the Raider baseball squad crawled out of bed and into vans bound for Florida, beginning their quest on the longest road trip in Shaker history.

The team traveled to the warmth of Cocoa and Merritt Island, Florida, to participate in four games against teams from all over the United States.

The first game was held at Cocoa Expo Stadium in Cocoa, Florida, against Bishop Hartley. Senior Clark Khayat took the mound for the Raiders, and with the help of senior Josh Nathanson in relief and some strong bats, Khayat recorded his first win from the rubber, 8-4.

The team traveled to Merritt Island for game two against Brunswick. Brent Blackwell, second in the pitching rotation, faced a squad coached by former New York Met and

Cincinnati Red slugger, George Foster. But the Raiders were the only ones doing the slugging that afternoon, for Nathanson led off the game in grand fashion with a home run, and the bats never rested after that. Phil Turner chalked up a dinger of his own as the Raiders breezed by Brunswick, 17-8.

The team returned to Cocoa Expo for game three against Westerville North, the eighth ranked team in the country at the time. From the start, it was obvious it was going to be a hard fought game. Nate Saddler pitched well, but Shaker slipped defensively, committing nine errors. But what they lacked in defense they made up in offense, for in the top of the seventh, the Raiders scored five runs to tie the score at nine. It was all for not, however, as Westerville North scored a final run in the bottom of the seventh to win it, 10-9.

In the final game of the trip, the team took out its anger from the loss to Westerville North on Bishop MacNamera, thumping them by a score of 17-0. Nathanson pitched a three-hitter, and senior Anthony Garvin spanked two home runs to up their overall record to 3-1.

Head coach Bud Longo looks forward to a very competitive season. What did he

have to say about the team's performance down South?

"The voodoo heat brought good luck in Florida," said Longo.

Back in the cold and dreary weather of Shaker, the Raiders faced Shaw in an LEL match-up. The Cardinals started out strong and gained a 2-0 lead over the Raiders, but in the fifth inning, Shaker made a come-back to go on top 3-2. Holding a lead through the remaining two innings, the squad brought the final score to 4-2.

RAIDER HEAT.
Without the aid of Florida sunshine, the Raiders produced some heat of their own against the Shaw Cardinals. Senior Clark Khayat (right) recorded the win on the mound with the help of senior Josh Nathanson, who came in for the save. It was their first league game. PHOTO BY EVAN WEINSTEIN.

"We are very strong and well balanced and should have an excellent year," said senior Jon Tuthill, catcher and designated hitter on the squad.

"I don't want to make any predictions, but as long as we play as a team and don't worry about individual goals we should win," said Garvin.

The team is out to take the LEL championship for the fourth consecutive season. Their most formidable opponents looks to be Lakewood, who was picked by the Plain Dealer to win the LEL title.

"We should win the LEL but Lakewood and Parma will give us a run for our money," Tuthill said.



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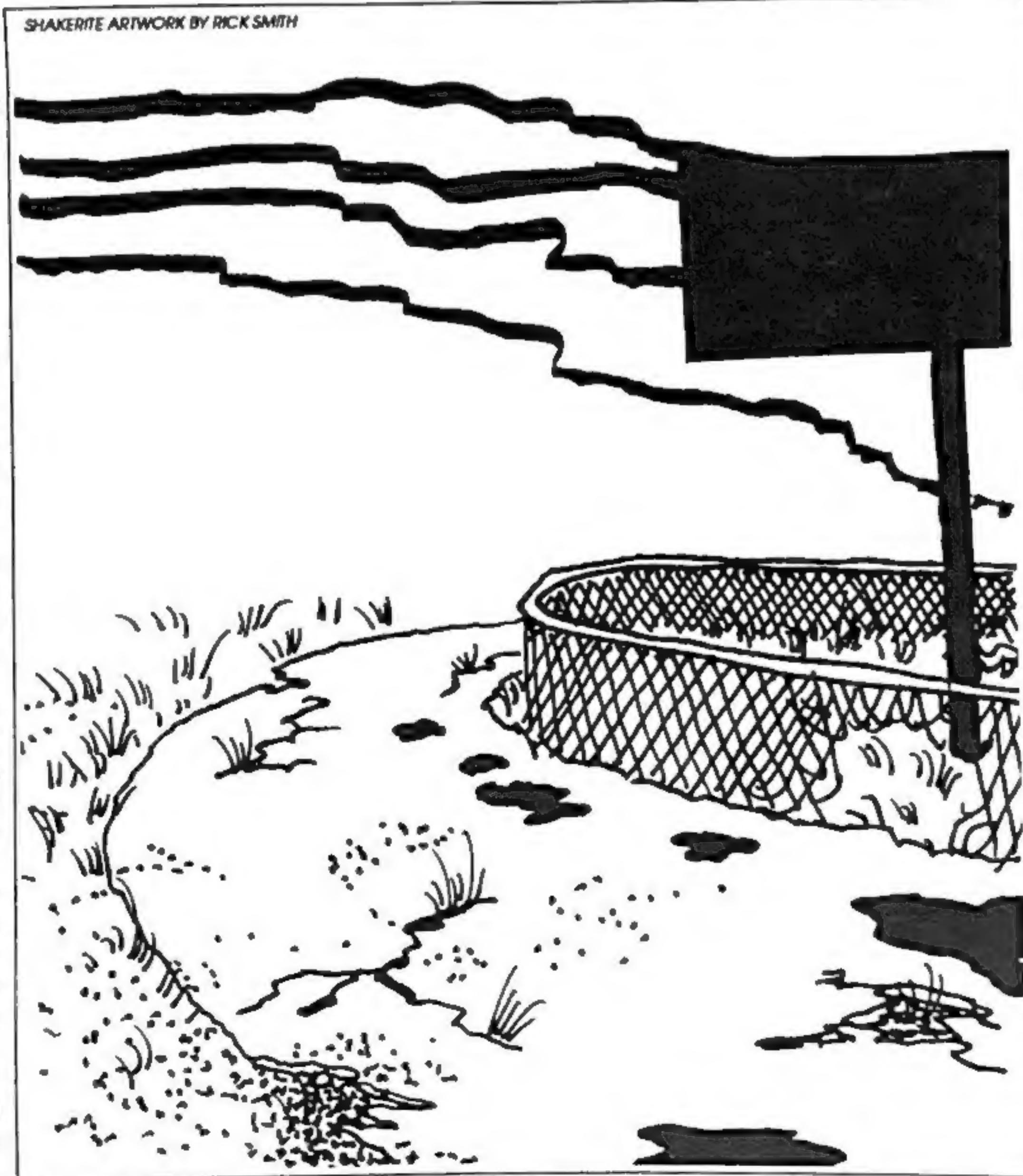
Shaker is a community known by the schools it keeps.

In the past, our reputation has been held intact by the outstanding academic curriculum offered within the school system along with a number of extra-curricular activities. These activities include the Raider athletic teams, which have always been well supported by the school system and community. That is, up until now.

Over the past few years, proper funding has not been allocated to our sports facilities, and because of this, problems have sprung up in a number of places with no apparent efforts to rectify the situation in sight. The most apparent dilemma is the high school track. Problems began almost nine years ago when the track was converted from 36 inch to 42 inch lanes, and it is now in such poor condition, home track meets can not be run. In order to prevent injuries and improve the quality of our athletic teams, major repairs should be made.

It is clear that a layer of sealer was poured over the track when the first disaster repair was completed. This insufficient coating has caused the track to lose some of the necessary bounce, which may be the cause of the many shin problems the Shaker runners have been complaining of.

Last year the school system and the community realized the danger of scattered pieces of material all over the track. As a result, they fixed it. Now the track



has more bumps and on a warm day the areas that were patched have a tendency to move with the runner. Due to the hazardous conditions, all home track meets have been canceled and moved to opponents' fields.

The track does not belong to the high school alone; it is the entire community's property. In fact, after school it is not uncommon to see the citizens and even the fire department utilizing this facility.

Both the head coaches, Henry Woodward and Charles Richards, realized the entire track will have to be replaced in order to change conditions. A new track may cost anywhere from \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Some people say fixing the track may cause conflicts for track practice. That is not the source of the problems, because the teams could conduct practice on the Woodbury track. The only problem is, the community does not have the funds.

It is apparent a new track would make practices more efficient, reduce the amount of injuries and would be beneficial to the community. There are several ways that this can be done. The most realistic solution would be the passing of a bond issue. Also, students could have fundraisers. In addition, the alumni could support the cause with donations. No matter how the situation is tackled, it is apparent that support from the sports boosters and the entire community is necessary.

STICKY SITUATION

A new sport has hit the Shaker scene. Prompted by a successful boys' season last year, some lady Raiders decided to put together a lacrosse team of their own.

The group is led by coach Marian Lauer, a varsity star from Boston University. The group practices daily from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with 20 minutes of that time spent on running and the remaining time spent on drilling.

The girls opened up their season April 13 with a 5-4 loss to Andrews. Scoring for the raiders were freshman Nikki Collier with two goals and junior Gail Weiner and freshman Robin Friedman with one a piece.

The third week in April, a number of the players traveled to Sauk Valley, a lacrosse camp in Michigan, to hone their skills and prepare for the upcoming season. While there, the team played four scrimmages and won them all, accumulating a 16-0 point total over the four games.

WINNERS NEVER QUIT

This year, more than any other in recent memory, it looks as if the state tournament might be in sight for the boys' tennis team.

The Raiders opened their season with a 5-0 trouncing of Valley Forge. They did not quit there, however, for more recently, Beachwood, Wooster, Mayfield and Solon have all fallen victim to the netters, advancing their record to 5-0 on the season.

Although it lost the best player in the school's history, 1988 graduate Pep Llinas, the present team has more playing experience than those of Shaker's advantage comes from youth. Last year, only two varsity players graduated and presently there is only one senior in the top eight positions.

The team consists of sophomores Jason Kaufman and David Joseph playing first and second singles, junior Brandon Collier and sophomore Ben Stefanski sharing time at third singles and juniors Kevin Hart, Kyle Freimuth, Josh Polster and the lone senior, David Finger, all competing for the four doubles spots. The team is coached by math teacher Al Slawson.

Girls to play lacrosse; young netters looking to win LEL championship

AROUND THE OVAL

STRONG START

The boys' track team, coached by Charles Richards, has proven to be a tough competitor this year with a 1-0 record in the LEL and a 3-0 dual meet record so far. The team beat Lakewood, its first LEL competition, and also won against St. Edward's and Strongsville at a meet held in Strongsville. Their second LEL meet was on Wednesday against Shaw and Parma. Last Saturday, the team competed at one of the largest meets of the season in Mansfield. Teams from Canada, Michigan and Pennsylvania participated in this prestigious meet.

Senior Richard Walker is striving toward a

school record, which was set last year by 1988 graduate Jeff Merhige, in the pole vault event. The mile relay, consisting of seniors Alex Henry, Russell Stokes, Scott Ferguson and sophomore Eric Willis, will try to match last year's Shaker state champion relay team. Junior Kevin McQuillen, who went to regionals last year, won his first LEL victory in the mile against Lakewood.

READY TO CHALLENGE

After several months of running workouts in the snow and attending meets at Ashland College, East Tech, the IX Center and Ohio State,



UP, UP, AND AWAY. It's a bird. It's a plane. Not! It's junior Mark Neustadt. Not only and the rest of the track team practices every day after school in hopes of super results. The team has recorded a 1-0 mark in the LEL by defeating Lakewood and a 3-0 dual meet record. The boys are coached by Charles Richards. PHOTO BY EVAN WEINSTEIN

the girls' track team has completed a successful indoor season.

Since December, every day after school, a group of 10 to 20 girls have been running around the oval, through the nature center and even in the east hall.

Coach Henry Woodard said the biggest problem will be fitting the pieces together perfectly.

"If the balance is not there, we could get killed. We have a good front line, but not enough depth," said Woodard.

The team's toughest competition this season will come from traditional rival, Cleveland Heights. The Heights team consists of about 60 girls.

Woodard also said this year's team, on the state level, is probably the strongest the school has ever had. At the indoor state meet, the two mile relay triumphed and brought home the first place championship.

"Our four relays will challenge everyone," said Woodard. "I like the balance and if the freshmen come through by districts, we will surprise people."

LOSING THE CLOSE ONES

The only thing holding back this year's softball team is a possible lack of experience.

No shortcomings were evident, though, when the squad registered a crushing 17-0 victory over the Shaw Cardinals. Junior Emily Dawson pitched a one-hitter against the Cardinals, bettering her two-hit throwing performance against Kent.

The 17-0 thumping has been about the only negative aspect thus far, however. The lady Raiders are 1-4, losing both games of a double-header to Kent, and finishing on the short end of close games to Rocky River and Lakewood.

"We have a very young team, but we're loaded with talent," said junior Marisa Dolinsky.

Over half the team are underclassmen, and only three of the 15 players are seniors.

Shaker is coached by middle school art teacher, Paul Richards and led by returning varsity players senior, Ruth White, juniors, Emily Dawson, Nikki Neustadt and sophomore Maggie Manning.

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